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| 1. On 17 November 1947, an official of the Association of Chemical Industries was summoned before Major Lissov of the Economic Section of the Soviet Element ACA and informed that effective immediately no more resin products would be permitted to be delivered from the Soviet Zone of Austria. The Association was ordered to inform all rafineries of this by telegram and request them to wire reports on their present stocks. Lissov made it clear that future allocations of resin and its products would be made only with his consent. Furthermore, he demanded that the Association submit a distribution plan for the immediate future and ordered delivery forthwith of 80 to 100 tons of colophony to USIV. The entire matter is now being discussed by the Ministry of Trade and Reconstruction and the Chemical Association, on one hand, and the Soviets, on the other. | | | | |
| Ihis document is hereby regraded to CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with the letter of 16 October 1978 from the Director of Central Intelligence to the CATCHIVIST of the United States. | only the following two resin refineries are operating in Austria: Frans von Furtenbach in Wiener-Heustadt with a monthly production of 10 tons, and Landwirtschaftliche Genossenschaft für Harzproduckte in Piesting with an output of 40 tons per month. Colophony is important to many industries outside the Soviet Zone, but especially to the paper industry for which it is an essential raw material. Decause most paper mills are in non-Soviet zones, the stopping of deliveries might lead to the shutdown of the Austrian paper industry. Comment: Neither of the above refineries are on the official list of Soviet- controlled enterprises.) | | | |
| | Soviet headquarters in Neunkirchen summoned representatives of various Soviet = controlled and independent Austrian firms of the vicinity on 11 November 1947 and issued the following orders: | | | |
| | a. Submit to Soviets monthly report on total production, including breakdown of distribution of finished and semi-finished products by province, zone, Bezirk, and city, as well as of exports. The first report is due on 10 December 1947; others are required to follow on the 10th of every month. | | | |
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